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The Honorable David Johanson  
Chairman  
U.S. International Trade Commission  
500 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20436

Re: Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from China, India, Thailand, and Vietnam, Inv. Nos. 731-TA-1064 and 1066-1068 (Third Review)

Dear Chairman Johanson,

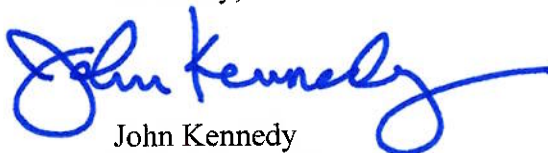
The shrimp industry in Louisiana accounts for nearly 15,000 domestic jobs, which generate roughly \$1.3 billion in economic value across the state each year. Not only is the shrimp industry a substantial source of economic value, but it also represents a way of life for thousands of Louisianians and their families. Simply put, these folks take great pride in their work, and their unwavering participation in the domestic shrimp industry has helped keep it afloat.

The continued importation of foreign shrimp threatens the entirety of our nation's shrimp value chain, which includes our beloved fishermen, dockworkers, processors, and distributors. In 2003, before these petitions were filed, the industry began to feel extreme pressures as dumped imports rapidly depressed domestic prices, resulting in significant reductions in employment and revenues across the country. This harsh situation resulted in the closure of many local, family-owned businesses that had existed in Louisiana for generations. Fortunately, the antidumping duty orders imposed by the Commission in 2005 gave the industry a fighting chance to survive.

Despite the orders, imports remain significant and continue to undersell our shrimp producers. I have no doubt that these unfair trade practices will only continue to deteriorate if the antidumping orders expire.

I encourage you to give the positions submitted by the U.S. shrimp industry full and fair consideration, and I urge you to maintain the antidumping duty orders on frozen warmwater shrimp from China, India, Thailand, and Vietnam. Louisianians involved in this industry deserve the opportunity to compete fairly, and I hope that you will provide them with that chance.

Sincerely,



John Kennedy  
United States Senator